

Dear Sir,—I would be pleased if you would grant me space in your journal for the following:—

Last Monday (Bank Holiday) I witnessed the All Blacks v. N.S.W. match, my first glimpse of Rugby for many years, by the way. From my observation, I venture to offer the following suggestion:—

On the touch lines at each side there is a linesman and a boy (as at Wentworth Oval). The boy at each side carries a ball, besides the one in play, making three balls in all. When the ball is out of bounds the boy immediately hands his ball to the player taking the "throw in," and pursues the other for use in the same manner. The result is that there is no delay, the game is made faster, and the spectators are pleased.

I see no reason why this should not be done in International, Interstate, and important Club and Gardiner Cup games. There would be no extra labour. Undoubtedly there would be a little extra expense in regard to balls, but that would be amply recompensed by the appreciation and consistent support of the onlookers, who dislike any slowing down of the game by needless kicking out of bounds and chasing the ball.—Yours, etc., "ANNANDALE SOCCERITE."

#### STANDARD OF PLAY.

The following letter from Mr. J. R. Hawke, hon. sec. of Corrimal Football Club, should form interesting to readers.

Dear Sir,

"If we desire to get the big public support we must prove ourselves worthy of it. We must evolve a plan which will have the effect of securing all the best players in the First Division of the First Grade so that onlookers at our best matches may see the best exponents of the game in action."

So concludes an interesting review under the heading "Standard of Play," in the Soccer News, Aug. 5th, 1922.

Eastern Suburbs, ten defeats. Canterbury, eleven defeats, so far

this season shows conclusively, that this year at least, these teams have failed to reach anywhere near the standard of play of the other teams in the competition.

In the Illawarra District, Thirroul have been defeated nine times in ten games, so their standard of play is well under that of the other teams in the competition.

Last year, Corrimal played Pyrmont three drawn games, which ranks high in the history of Soccer for fast, clean sparkling football. This year they succumbed to Granville who scored the only goal of the match, two minutes before full time. That surely makes Corrimal as good almost as the best in Sydney, and yet for two years Corrimal has failed to register a win over Balgownie while Woonona have lost one, won one, and drawn one game with Corrimal this year.

So in the same coast district, we have three teams equal to Sydney's best, and all capable of lowering the colours of more than half the present First Division teams in Sydney.

Optimist is a polite term for anyone more than three teams of this one who imagines that there will calibre on the coast for some years to come. In 1921 Tarrawanna entered the first grade competition on the coast, but they failed to see the season out, the best of their players being absorbed by Corrimal, the remainder going back to second grade.

This year, Port Kembla will advance to first division, but after three heavy defeats they withdrew, leaving the same old four teams to carry on.

The one chance of increasing the number of first grade teams on the coast is by one or more of the present first grade teams entering two elevens. When they do that, (if ever they do) they will produce two ordinary teams, where they now produce one good team. And that means lowering the standard of play. So "what plan can be evolved" to raise the standard of play?

The following plan may seem revolutionary to some, and no doubt will find many opponents, but is there a better plan at hand? Briefly this is the plan. Let Bal-

gownie, Corrimal, and Woonona enter the Metropolitan Association and either exclude the winners and runners-up of the Met. 2nd Div., or increase the number of clubs in the first division to twelve. Play home and home matches and allow the players Gardiner Cup travelling expenses.

By doing so the Illawarra teams will get out of the groove they are in danger of falling into while the Metropolitan teams will have to look around for better men to cope with the invasion. The Illawarra Association would have its hands full looking after second grade and juniors, while the South Coast public would have the best teams in Sydney making regular and frequent trips to the coast and the game would go ahead by leaps and bounds.

If anyone seriously proposed to the Northern Districts Association that Cessnock, Kurri and Weston should play a first grade competition amongst themselves under the South Maitland Association he would be recommended to the nearest lunacy expert. And yet wherein lies the difference between South Maitland and Newcastle, and Illawarra and Sydney? Cessnock is 37 miles from Newcastle, Wollongong is 51 miles from Sydney. In other words Wollongong is less than one hour's longer journey.

Surely if the Newcastle-Cessnock players are prepared to travel 37 miles to play, the Sydney-Illawarra players would not cavil at 50 miles.

The admission of these three teams, the consequent increase in the standard of play would do Soccer more good than any other plan that could be devised. Let those who are anxious to advance the Soccer code take this matter up seriously and I am confident that from this foundation a good workable plan can be evolved; a plan that would work alike for the benefit of the players, the public, the respective associations, and the code generally.

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## SUNLIGHT v. ANNAN-DALE.

Playing with the wind in their favour in the first half, Sunlight soon had Altona defending hard, but their shooting lacked direction. Altona broke away, and a misunderstanding among Sunlight's backs let them in. Shortly after Brown, right half, had a shot from well out which beat the goalie, a good effort, which the forwards might well copy. Half time scores, 1 goal each.

After the interval, Altona, from a scramble in front of goal, scored their second goal. Sunlight livened up, and Woods was going for goal when he was pushed down in the penalty area. From the resultant kick, Ewan netted with a neat shot. There was no further scoring. In the first round Sunlight defeated Altona by 1 goal to nil, so are the only team not beaten by winners of competition. Altona and Sunlight have the same number of goals scored against them, viz., 18, but Altona have

been more successful in scoring 39 to Sunlight's 25.

## BOTANY ALBION CLUB

The above club will hold its second Annual Dinner and Social in the Botany Town Hall on Saturday, September 30th. Dinner from 6 till 8 p.m.; social, 8 till 11 p.m.

Anyone desiring a good night should not fail to secure a ticket, which may be had from the secretary, F. Nunn, Bay St., Botany, 5/- each.

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### EDITORIAL.

#### HOME GROUNDS.

The time has surely arrived in the life of our game, here in Sydney, when the Association shall take a more active part in seeing that every club entering the competitions if possible is possessed of or has a joint share in a home ground. It is, of course, much easier to obtain a home ground in the more outlying parts than in the more thickly populated centres, and in some cases it is impossible to obtain a suitable enclosed ground because all the available areas in that district are in the hands of other branches of sport. There are, of course, those amongst us who say that no club's entry should be accepted unless the club is possessed of a home ground. This view might well be taken into the consideration of the acceptance of a new club's entry, but it would be manifestly unfair in the case of clubs which have been in existence some years, and who find it impossible to obtain a home ground.

If the clubs and the M.C. are brought together for the purpose of improving the position for next season, however, much might be done. Action must be taken, however, within the next couple of months. Campsie Recreation Ground and Brereton Park, it has been reported, have been lost to Soccer. Campsie Recreation has been sold; it should have been bought by Soccerites when the opportunity was there. Brereton Park, a privately owned piece of land, is being resumed by the local council as a park for the children. In other circumstances the intention is very laudable. In these, it seems ludicrous that the adults shall be robbed of their football area to make a park for children. It certainly on the face of it is a case in which the local council should be approached with a view to seeing whether some better arrangement cannot be made.

The position we are at present in is that the Association directly owns

and controls practically all the money coming into the game. The clubs, except in one or two instances, have no money, and have very little financial backing. They are consequently unable to confidently approach the local authorities in regard to these matters.

They need the co-operation and help of the Association, which is only too anxious to render assistance, but has in the past waited for the initiation to come from the club. The members of clubs, too, must be induced to rouse themselves. The Association must show that it will stand behind those ready themselves to engage in a speculative venture for the purpose of securing a suitable ground. The clubs must, too, be given a guarantee as to the number of home matches they are likely to obtain. In outlying parts it would be well for the club if it ran also a Second Grade team, or combined with a club in the same or a nearby district, so that the ground might be filled almost every Saturday. There are many striking illustrations of what can be done, however, by self help. An outstanding instance is that of Ibrox Park. This ground has only been brought to its present condition by the faith and the hard work of a few enthusiasts. Next year, after it has been ploughed and harrowed, and some small improvements effected, it will be a valuable asset to the game. At Clyde, the local oval was sold over the heads of the Granville Association by the Railway Authorities, but through the kindness of the Australian Electric Coy., and enthusiasm of the local Association, a new ground has been made close by. Primrose Park is the third illustration worth quoting. For years it was little more than a paddock. To-day it is an enclosed ground with a stand and dressing-room accommodation. The Juniors are to be complimented on their energy and their business acumen. At Primrose a good gate is taken each Saturday, although only Junior fixtures are staged. At Centennial Park the other week Eastern Suburbs played Pyrmont before a big crowd, and not even a collection box was taken

around. How can our game be fostered if First Grade games are played on open grounds. The first proposition that has to be tackled is the getting of enclosed grounds at which a gate can be taken. The clubs cannot in all cases secure a ground themselves. Let them immediately communicate with the M.C. and let the M.C. interest themselves in seeing that grounds are obtained.

## N.S.W. v. QUEENSLAND. THE SECOND TEST.

The teams were:—

N.S.W.—A. Atchison, F. Gallon, A. Creitcher, G. Story, A. Creighton, P. Doyle, E. Williams, A. Phillips, P. Lennards, T. Sinclair, D. McLaughlands.

QUEENSLAND.—J. Hamilton, C. Gedge, G. Harris, J. Williams, J. Peebles, E. Shenton, J. Edwards, J. Cumberland, T. Hainsworth, M. Burton, E. Nesbitt.

Referee: Mr. J. Duncan.

New South Wales won the toss, and had the advantage of a strong westerly breeze in the first half. Queensland played with sun in their faces. After the game had been in progress three minutes, Hainsworth sent in a fast, low shot, but Atchison cleared. Cumberland gave Edwards a low pass along the side line, and the latter forced a corner, but no score resulted. After Queensland had conceded two corners, Gedge relieved for the fifth time. He was showing improved form, and seemed to possess more confidence than last Saturday. Sinclair then missed an open goal, the ball striking the cross-bar. Edwards again distinguished himself with a nice sprint along the line, and a brilliant centre. Queensland was combining nicely, and several nice passing movements were witnessed. The forwards, too, were showing plenty of pace, Hainsworth and Edwards being particularly prominent. New South Wales, however, were head-



ing the ball to better advantage than the local team.

After the game had been going on for 20 minutes, Hainsworth missed with his third shot at goal. It was a fine attempt, and only missed by the narrowest of margins. A good deal of rough play was noticeable, and up to this stage, the services of the Ambulance had been requisitioned four times. Burton being forced to retire temporarily. After Hamilton had saved a high shot by Sinclair, Queensland was penalised for an infringement of the rules. Phillips took the free kick, and did not give Hamilton a chance.

N.S.W. .... 1  
Queensland ..... nil

Burton retired, and his place was filled by Steele. A good centre by Nesbit was cleverly saved by Atchison, and then Cumberford sent in two great shots, one striking the post. Queensland launched repeated assaults against the New South Wales goal, and, although Gedge, Nesbit, and Hainsworth had the shots, no score was registered. The Queensland forwards were overwhelming the forwards of the opposing side. They showed more pace, and were quicker to take advantage of openings. Ten minutes before half-time Queensland was awarded its first penalty. New South Wales had been granted four penalties and a free kick. There were no further scores before half time, but a shot from Phillips struck the posts. The game was of an even nature during the first half, Queensland, if anything, having slightly the better of the contest. The scores were:—

N.S.W. .... 1  
Queensland ..... nil

Queensland had New South Wales on the defensive during the first 10 minutes of the second half, and Steele and Edwards sent in great shots, which Atchison saved. New South Wales responded with a good shot by Phillips, but Hamilton cleared in his best style. After two fruitless corner shots by Edwards, New South Wales pressed, and scored their second goal. Sinclair headed the ball into goal, and Phillips turned it into the net.

N.S.W. .... 2  
Queensland ..... nil

With 23 minutes to go, Nesbit

sent along a brilliant corner shot. Hainsworth headed in close to the net, but the New South Wales goalie eventually cleared. Williams followed this up with a long, high shot, and Atchison was forced to concede a corner to clear. Nesbit's corner shot was a beauty. It struck the crossbar and bounced over the top. The final scores were:—

N.S.W. .... 2  
Queensland ..... nil

New South Wales was compelled to concede over 20 corners in the second half. Most of these were taken by Edwards. On the other hand, New South Wales attacked on isolated occasions, but often looked dangerous. The passing of their forwards was the outstanding feature of latter stages of the game. Gedge and Shenton were the best two of the Queensland side, while Doyle, Sinclair, and Phillips showed up conspicuously among the New South Wales team. There was little to choose between the teams, and the game was not as one-sided as the score would indicate. A section of the crowd made a demonstration against the referee at the conclusion of the match.

## SOCCER.

### THE RULES EXPLAINED IN A FEW WORDS.

Eleven players comprise a team. The goalkeeper is the only one allowed to handle the ball and then only in the 18 yards area (the penalty area).

The duration of the game is from 60 to 90 minutes as agreed upon. Ends are changed at half-time, the interval not exceeding five minutes, except by the consent of the referee. Both halves shall be of equal duration.

If a man sends the ball out of bounds a player of the other side throws in. He must hold the ball in both hands over his head and must keep a part of both feet on the touch-line while throwing the ball. He must face the field of play, but may throw the ball in any direction.

A goal shall be scored when the ball passes under the bar between the posts, but must not be thrown or carried by the attacking side.

#### OFF-SIDE.

A player is in an offside position when he has not three players of

the opposing side between him and the goal when the ball is played (not when he receives it). A player cannot be offside when behind the ball, or in his own half of the field.

If an attacker sends the ball behind without scoring, the defending side place kick off from a mark six yards in front of the goal. The ball may be kicked in any direction.

A corner kick is when the ball is kicked behind by a defending player.

Tripping, kicking, jumping, handling, holding or pushing a player is illegal. For such infringement by a defender in the penalty area a penalty kick is awarded; outside the area a free kick.

A penalty kick is a kick taken from 12 yards mark in front of goal. All players except the kicker and goalkeeper shall be outside the area.

When a free kick has been awarded, the kicker's opponent shall not approach within 10 yards of the ball, unless standing on their own goal line. There are only two occasions on which the ball must be played forward: viz.: Kick off from centre of field and penalty kick.

#### DEFINITION OF TERMS.

A place kick is a kick at the ball while it is on the ground at the centre of the field.

A free kick is a kick at the ball in any direction the player pleases when it is lying on the ground.

A place kick, free kick, or penalty kick must not be taken until the referee has given the signal for same.

Carrying by the goalkeeper is taking more than two steps while holding the ball or bouncing it with the hands.

Knocking on, is when a player strikes or propels the ball with his hands or arms.

#### HANDLING AND TRIPPING.

Handling is intentionally playing the ball with the hand or arm, and tripping is intentionally throwing or attempting to throw an opponent by the use of the leg or by stooping in front of or behind him.

Holding includes the obstruction of a player by the hand or any part of arm extended from the body.

Touch is that part of the ground on either side of the field of play

## FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY, 26th AUGUST, 1922

### N.S.W. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP (GARDINER CUP).

Qualifying Round for Semi-finals.  
Granville v. Wallsend, Wentworth Oval, 3.15 (E. Lukeman).  
Sydney v. Burns Anniversary, Clyde Oval, 3.15 (A. L. Peaty).

### SECOND GRADE.

#### A Division.

#### (Final Round.)

Manly v. Sunlight, Brookvale Oval, 3.15 (R. Burns).  
Annandale Altona v. Botany Albion, Booralee Oval, 3.15 (A. W. Bates).  
Gladesville v. Metters Ltd., Easton Park, 3.15 (L. Gill).

Hornsby Athletic v. N.S.W. Fire Brigades, Mascot Park, 3.15 (E. Jones).  
Punchbowl, the bye.

#### B Division.

Parramatta District v. Hurstville United, Wentworth Oval, 1.45 (J. Leslie).  
Two Blues v. Callan Park, Callan Park, 1.45 (W. Alexander).  
Rozelle Rovers v. Abbotsford District, Easton Park, 1.45 (G. Fooks).

St. George District v. Drum-moyne, Mascot Park, 1.45 (S. Hayes).

West Sydney, the bye.  
C Division.

Pymont Rangers v. Metters Ltd., Ibrox Park, 1.45 (G. Skelly).  
Botany Albion v. Gladesville, Brereton Park, 3.15 (S. Freeman).  
Punch Park, the bye.

Railway Thistle, Garden Island receive forfeits.

### CRONIN CUP.

Balmain Gladstone v. Balmain Scottish, Ibrox Park, 3.15 (W. A. Wright).

## LETTER BAG.

Sir,—In reply to my letter Mr. Langford dodges the main point. He admits new referees have been introduced into first grade matches and given a chance to win their spurs. Just so. As I said in my letter, preference has been given to new members, when Mr. Langford surely must know that there are referees of years' standing who have never been given a chance to win their spurs. I fail to see anything to rejoice over. If every referee was given a chance to prove

his ability there would be less discontent. I would like to ask Mr. Langford how many grounds he has visited since he has been on the appointed board. Please leave out the appointment board's home ground. If I read your letter correctly, the new referees have been appointed to first grade matches by chance, or else the board had the assistance of a clairvoyant, as the members do not like travelling. I do not claim a monopoly for old members, but a fair go for those who I stated have never been given a chance; yet new members have been given a chance as soon as membership has been granted. A fair go and no favouritism is all I ask.—Yours, etc.,

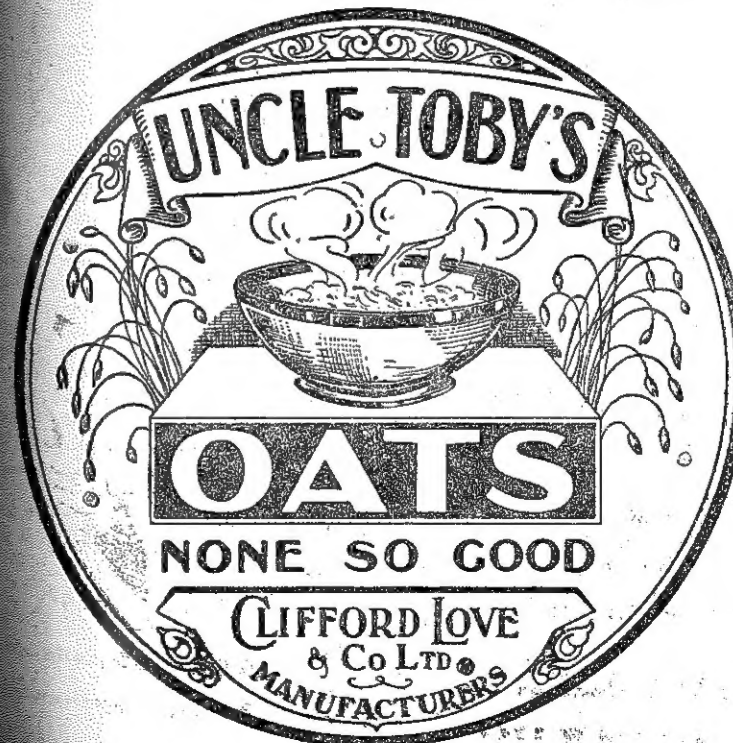
"A REFF."

Dear Sir,

Re the centralisation editorial which appears to be a cloud on the horizon of the soccer code in the next season, I might make a suggestion, that instead of relegating the two lowest teams of the table, that you bring up your winning teams from the 2nd division and make your 1st division stronger by having 10 teams and so with the other divisions, then for the Association to procure another centrally situated ground, such as No. 2 Cricket Ground, where they can always stage a couple of games, early or late and at the same time produce some revenue, which they can always do with, from what I know. I saw Pymont and Easts play a real good game at Centennial Park on Saturday, before a fair crowd and not a penny revenue was taken not even a club collection box to help defray expenses, such as balls, nets, corner flags and etc. Plenty of amateur clubs, where there are no gates make collections in the Old Country, as it helps to keep the clubs going and is not so hard on the players' pockets. There were too of your best teams giving a good exhibition of the game for love; of course that's alright in a way, but you must have revenue so that you can give the public of the best all the time. I think the 10 team league would give you a bigger scope for your 1st class players and strengthen the game all round.

From one who wishes the game every success in the future.

SUPPORTER.





## A SOCCER CINEMATOGRAPH.

I went last night to a Bioscope,  
It was called a sporting show,  
But the operator mixed things up  
When he started to make it go.

The films had all got tangled up  
By some means unforeseen,  
So just imagine what I saw  
Depicted on the screen.

I saw Bill Lincoln on Desert Gold  
Careering down the track,  
Eurythmic hard against the rails,  
Steve Stack upon his back.

Next Arthur Drew knocked Frank  
West out  
At the end of the fourteenth  
round;  
And Charlie Packer at 40 love  
Was ordered off the ground.

Sid Storey made a thousand break  
And the audience gave a squeal,  
Then Charlie Robinson jumped at  
the bell  
And beat the field by a wheel.

Ralph Migley drove to the putting  
green,  
And scored in the sixteenth  
hole,  
With Arthur Peaty between the  
posts,  
Bert Ranger potted a goal.

Then Roney Storey hove in sight,  
And started a two-up school,  
And Lockey Robinson said he was  
rooked,  
So Mac read out the rules.

Next Billy Carrol shook Gloaming  
up

As he thundered down the  
straight,  
But Georgie Martin called the  
cops,

Who straightway shut the gate;  
Then the flickering old machine  
went pop,

The audience cried quack, quack;  
And I went round to the Manag-  
er's box

And asked for me traybit back.

## A CHANGE.

An athletic young fellow in  
Australia found himself landed in  
the Police Court.

The Magistrate enquired what  
the prisoner's occupation was.

"He's a professional football  
player," said his counsel. "He  
plays outside-right for his team."

"Oh, he does, does he?" replied  
the Magistrate. "Well, then, he  
must change his position. He'll  
be left inside for the next month."

## A CORRECTION.

Inadvertently in last week's issue  
Mr. Tom Williams, a member of  
the G. and D.F.A., of 22 years'  
standing, was described as a  
"prominent bucket umpire." The  
article should have read "prominent  
cricket umpire." We have to ten-  
der an apology to Mr. Williams for  
the mistake.

Hayldorn, of Auburn, and Sher-  
ringham, of Sydney, in the same  
match had to leave the field on  
account of injuries.

## LETTER BAG.

Sir,—

I am instructed by my committee  
to write you re the possibility of  
arranging for a Sydney team, such  
as the "Magpies" to come to Har-  
den to play an exhibition game with  
a view of increasing the interest  
already shown in Harden. I feel  
sure that it would do the game the  
world of good, and we could ar-  
range matters to suit the visitors.  
—Yours, etc.,

R. J. FLOOD,  
Secretary  
G. COLLINGWOOD,  
President

Annandale Altona richly deserve  
their success in winning the A  
Division of the Second Grade. But  
for misunderstanding and a wee bit  
of obstinacy they would have been  
playing Second Division this year.

Pymont Rangers are the winners  
of the C Division, Second Grade.  
They have made fine young players.

The B Division table of the  
Second Grade is interesting. We  
Sydney and Callan Park are  
points, Parramatta 24 points, and  
Two Blues 22 points. Two Blues  
have two matches to play, and to  
win the competition if they win  
their matches.

Mr. Wm. Lyon, late secretary  
B.F.A., Toowoomba, wishes to be  
remembered to Messrs. Barlow and  
Lukeman and Packer, and to many  
other Sydney friends. He  
reports that in Toowoomba there  
are three senior teams, six junior  
teams, and four school boy teams.  
Their lack is an enclosed home  
ground, but they hoped to be better  
placed shortly.—Good luck to them.

## T. S. ELLIOT

Family Butcher,

45 Denison St., Rozelle,  
Kentville Avenue, Annandale

## DID YOU KNOW THAT:

Pymont are the Metropolitan  
Premiers for Season 1922.

Geo. Dane, who injured his foot  
last Saturday, will probably not be  
able to play again this season.

Balmaln Fernleigh were Premiers  
in 1919 and 1920, and Pymont in  
1921.

Pymont are set down to play  
Weston at Weston in the Kerr Cup.

Campsie Recreation Ground is  
available till the end of this season,  
but that it has been bought by the  
Education Department.

Brereton Park will be lost to  
Soccer after this year unless a  
strong protest is entered against  
the proposed action of the local  
council.

The Balmaln Fernleigh, Balmaln  
Gladstone and Sunlight Clubs con-  
jointly intend to hold a sports car-  
nival on Easton Park on the 2nd  
September, 1922.

Each of the three remaining Syd-  
ney teams in the Gardiner Cup were  
beaten by their respective op-  
ponents last week.

Newcastle firmly say the Gar-  
diner Cup is going their way again  
this year.

The Editor appreciates little  
items of news being sent to him  
which make paragraphs of interest.

The Cockatoo Football Club (or  
the Commonwealth Dockyard,  
which is the official designation)  
intend changing its name to Leich-  
hardt next year.

The change will be welcome by  
the local crowd, which enjoys its  
sixpenny worth at Ibrox Park.

A final has to be played between  
Sydney and Balmaln Scottish to de-  
cide the destination of the Second  
Division trophies.

Eastern Suburbs were beaten by  
Cessnock in the Kerr Cup, 4-1,  
last week.

West Wallsend beat Adamstown,  
2-1, in Gardiner Cup, and thus  
qualified for semi final.

SATURDAY, 26th AUGUST, 1922.

Easton Park, 3.15.

Referee: Mr. L. GILL.

GLADESVILLE v. METTERS LTD.  
(Black and Gold Stripes) (Blue and White Halves)

Early Match, 1.45.

Referee: Mr. G. FOOKS.

ROZELLE ROVERS v. ABBOTSFORD  
(Green and Gold Stripes) DISTRICT  
(Black and White)

Ibrox Park, 3.15.

CRONIN CUP.

Referee: Mr. W. WRIGHT.

BALMAIN GLAD- v. BALMAIN SCOT-  
STONE TISH  
(Black with Gold) (Red and White Stripes)

Early Match, 1.45.

Referee: Mr. G. SKELLY.

PYRMONT RANGERS v. METTERS LTD.  
(Blue with Gold Sashes) (Blue and White Halves)

## SOCCER FOOTBALL.

### MATCH IN GOULBURN.

Soccer football is beginning to  
boom in Goulburn. The newly-  
formed club seems to be composed  
of very enthusiastic members.

At the invitation of the club the  
Waverley Tramway team visited  
this city and met the Goulburn  
representatives in the North Goul-  
burn Park on Saturday afternoon.  
There was a big roll-up of spec-  
tators. The match proved very in-  
teresting, and barracking was spir-  
ited throughout. Onlookers were  
highly amused at "heading the ball"  
movements and a spectacular back  
kick.

The teams were as follows:—  
WAVERLEY TRAMWAY—Craft,  
Packwood, Stanley, Tremble, Blake,  
Spencer, Watson, Ashton, Price,  
Jones, and Hipsley.

GOULBURN.—A. Jackson, W.  
Summers, S. Shreeve, W. McMur-  
ray, Rev. Sephton, Bond, Russell,  
Brown, Croke, and G. Allen.

The match started punctually at  
3 p.m. Everyone considered it a  
good exhibition. Spectators were  
particularly pleased with Goul-  
burn's fine showing, especially as  
the club has only been in exist-  
ence a few months, and this was  
their first match. R. Bond scored  
for Goulburn after a forward rush.

Mr. Peter Jackson, who refereed  
the match, was complimented by  
players of both teams on his excel-  
lent control of the game.

The visitors were entertained at  
a smoke concert at the Railway In-  
stitute during the evening. Every-  
body in the room was called upon  
to contribute an item, and a very  
enjoyable time was spent.

There will be more Soccer  
matches in Goulburn, says the se-  
cretary of the club, Mr. Frank Rus-  
sell. A Rushcutters' Bay team is  
coming to Goulburn next Saturday.

Mr. E. Lukeman refereed Bal-  
gonnie v. Woonoona last Saturday,  
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## PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, AUGUST, 1922.

Wentworth Park Oval—3.15 p.m.

Referee: Mr. E. LUKEMAN.

Linesmen: Messrs. W. NEIL and C. R. BROWN.

**WALLSEND v. GRANVILLE**

**WALLSEND.**

(Red)

Goalkeeper

**G. Bower**

Fullbacks

1—R. Lidbury

2—S. Lee

Halves

3—E. Owen

4—W. Scott

5—D. Rees

Forwards

7—R. Irwin

9—E. See

6—K. Irwin

8—W. Craig

10—F. Wells



10—F. Ramsay

8—J. McCrae

6—W. Dane

9—R. Fairweather

7—H. Winter

Forwards

5—H. Spurway

4—J. Comrie

1—L. Leabeater

Halves

2—E. Doherty

3—C. Leabeater

Fullbacks

**E. Atchison**

Goalkeeper

**GRANVILLE**

(Black and White Stripes)

Reserves

**WALLSEND**

11—J. Shields 12—J. Johnson

Wentworth Park Oval—1.45 p.m.

REFEREE: MR. J. LESTER

**PARRAMATTA DISTRICT v. HURSTVILLE UNITED**

**PARRAMATTA DISTRICT**

(Red)

Goalkeeper

**C. O'Keefe**

Fullbacks

1—F. Jelfs

2—G. Scott

Halves

3—L. O'Keefe

4—W. Prince

5—M. Leabeater

Forwards

7—A. Parsons

9—L. Baxter

6—H. Jessop

8—T. Bonds

10—E. Stokes



10—W. Hadfield

8—W. Borthwick

6—J. Coalis

9—T. Thomas

7—T. Duggan

Forwards

5—H. Walmsley

4—D. Dodds

3—L. Miller

Halves

1—A. Donaldson

2—F. Dalby

Fullbacks

**A. Cave**

Goalkeeper

**HURSTVILLE UNITED**

(Maroon with White Band)

**PARRAMATTA**

11—A. Tyson

**HURSTVILLE UNITED**

11—W. Mullan

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## PROTESTANT CHURCHES SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIA- TION.

Last Saturday Lachlan Rangers A tried Cos. McCoy (their representative left back) at centre forward and he gave a wonderful exhibition. At any rate All Saints nearly proved too good, and the game resulted in a draw, 2-2. This is only the second time this season that the Rangers have not been victorious. It was a non-competition game. L.O.L. 46 and Lakemba Methodists A both forfeited.

To-day Austens Football Club met Lachlan Rangers A at Hurlstone Park. Last round the Rangers won after a very strenuous game 2-1. Both teams have had additions since then, and a good game should result. I am rather inclined to think that Rangers will prove the victors. Mr. Thos. Anderson will hold the whistle. St. Aidans A meet Lakemba Methodists A at Lakemba, and it is anybody's game.

The great match in second grade was Dulwich Hill Baptists A and Lakemba Congregationalists A. The wind rather spoilt the game, but as in the fixture last round the Maroons were victorious by the odd goal—the only one scored in the match (C. Bates). Howe, in goals for Dulie was the best on the field, though his contemporary, J. Watson, played well. A draw would perhaps have been a better reflex of the play. To-day they meet the Mission, and should dispose of them easily enough. St. Aidans B (a deferred match) may give them some trouble.

Last Saturday All Souls A and Alex. Mission, and the referee turned up at Ascot, both teams evidently expecting a ball to be growing on the ground, for neither bothered to bring one. Perhaps both teams were frightened of a licking. At any rate the management decided to debit both teams with the full ground fees, and for the points to be forfeited. Lachlan Rangers B were rather homesick last week, and didn't bother to field a team. They must have plenty of money

to be able to afford such tactics. To-day All Souls A (if they can find a ball), Lachlan Rangers B and St. Aidans B should be victorious. It is possible, however, that Leichhardt Methodists, who severely trounced Balmaln Presbyterians last week, may give the Rangers B quite a lot of trouble.

Austral Waratah B put it all over Hurlstone Park Congregationalists last week, 4-1. Young (goal) and Peake played great football for the Waratahs. The surprise of the day, however, was that St. Johns tossed St. Albans, 3-0. This practically gives the Comp. to Alexandria Congregationalists, who have a three point lead. St. Annes may trouble them, but Hurlstone Park Congregationalists should give no trouble at all to-day. Austral Waratahs B and St. Annes, at Wardell Road, should be the best match to-day. Mr. Scott will handle the game.

St. Bedes have met their Waterloo. Tempe Park last week achieved the honour of being the first team to lower the standard of the Drummoynes boys. At half time the scores were 0-0, and with about ten minutes to go Killeen headed one past Simons. St. Bedes, however still have a two point lead (with a match in hand), and as they only have to meet St. Oswalds should experience no difficulty in winning the medals. St. Albans and All Souls B were very evenly matched last week, and it was well in the second half before the Ultimo boys netted—and then they had the wind behind them. This was the only goal scored during the match.

The only outstanding victory to-day should be St. Albans against St. Oswalds, all the other matches being fairly even.

An interesting match to-day will be St. Bedes and St. Albans (Darlington) (non-competition). Both teams have only suffered one defeat in their division, and both are confident of winning. Mr. W. H. Gibson will handle the match.

Jack Fleming is having a bad time with his leg. Latest advices state that a specialist has informed him he is likely to have a spell of twelve months or more before he can work.

Teams should note carefully the alterations in next week's fixtures.

## DRAW FOR SATURDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1922.

### First Grade.

Willoughby St. Stephens v. St. Aidans A, Willoughby, 2.30.

Austens Football Club v. Lachlan Rangers A, Hurlstone Park, 3.15.

Lakemba Methodists A v. All Saints, Wardell Road No. 2, 3.15.  
L.O.L. 46, the bye.

### SECOND GRADE.

#### B Division.

All Souls A v. Lachlan Rangers B, Waterloo, 3.15.

Dulwich Hill Baptists A v. St. Aidans B, Wardell Road No. 2, 1.45.

Alexandria Mission v. Enmore Tabs, Wardell Road No. 1, 1.45.

Balmaln Presbyterian v. Lakemba Congregationalists A, Wardell Road No. 1, 3.15.

Leichhardt Methodists, the bye.

### SECOND GRADE.

#### B Division.

Alexandria Congregationalists v. St. Annes, Meadowbank, 2.30.

Austral Waratah B v. Dulwich Hill Baptists B, Fivedock, 3.15.

St. Andrews v. Newtown Congregationalists, Centennial Park, 3.15.

St. Albans v. Hurlstone Park Congregationalists, Hurlstone Park, 1.45.

St. Johns, the bye.

### THIRD GRADE.

All Souls B v. Botany Methodist, Waterloo, 1.45.

Austens Juniors v. Lakemba Methodists B, Lakemba, 3.15.

St. Albans v. Tempe Park Methodists, Centennial Park, 1.45.

St. Bedes v. St. Oswalds, The Flat, 3.15.

Lakemba Congregationalists, the bye.

### INTER-DIVISION.

L.O.L. 46 v. Leichhardt Methodists, The Flat, 1.45.

St. Johns v. Lakemba Congregationalists B, Fivedock, 1.45.

Clyde Oval, 3.15.

SATURDAY, 26th AUGUST, 1922.

Referee: Mr. A. PEATY.

SYDNEY v. BURNS ANNIVERSARY

(Blue and Black Stripes)

(Navy Blue)

Early Match, 1.45.

## GRANVILLE ASSOCIA- TION.

The final touches are being put on the season's programme, and the results last Saturday brought this end a day nearer. Some teams were encouraged, others had their hopes blighted.

This was especially the case in the match, Volunteers v. Holroyd, which was played at Clyde as a preliminary to the Richardson Cup match, Auburn and Kogarah.

A stiff breeze was blowing from the southern or Clyde Works end. Holroyd won the toss, and naturally kicked with the breeze. At the interval they were leading, 1-0.

During the second session, Volunteers had the game continually at the Royds' end, but they were unable to penetrate the defence.

"Clicker" Clark had a penalty kick, which he put nicely over the bar. This win improves Holroyd's chance of getting into the final.

West Ryde travelled to Lidcombe to win, 3-0. Wests' chances are very bright.

United defeated St. Johns Park, 5-0, and Arnotts forfeited to Kewpies.

The Richardson Cup match, Auburn v. Kogarah, resulted in a three goal draw. Kogarah refused to play extra time.

The Juvenile finalists have been decided. Carlingford and Two Blues have qualified. The medals will probably go to the hills.

To-day Two Blues and Auburn under 18 will meet in the last round. Should Two Blues win or even draw they will both meet again in the final. Otherwise Carlingford and Auburn will play off. The latter result is very probable.

In the "Tit Bits" last week you said that Holroyd and Lidcombe disagreed about a match, and hoped they would be able to throw some light on it—"The match." The Lids were not able to strike more light on the match, so Holroyds are to get the two points.

You also said that Veteran Phil. Williams is a prominent bucket umpire. Please correct that misstatement and apologise. Phil is a cricket umpire, and a good one too. He has also rendered very fine service with the whistle. Any one anxious for a keen interpretation of the "Laws of the Game" should refer to our old friend. Like our father, he is always ready to talk Footy.

To-day we are to be treated to a Gardiner fixture at Clyde. Unfortunately Magpies are not one of the teams.

The Pies are too good a draw for W.P.O. All we get out of it is we have to pay 25 per cent. of the gate for the privilege. Is there such a thing as justice to teams with a home ground?

Anyhow, we are going to fight this principle with the Metropolitan Association!

Other delegates take heed.

Fixtures for to-day:—

### GARDINER CUP.

Sydney v. Burns. Clyde, 3.15.

### JUNIOR.

Two Blues v. Auburn. Clyde, 1.45.

### ALL AGE.

Volunteers v. Kewpies. Rosehill, 3.15.

Holroyd v. West Ryde. Granville Park, 3.15.

United v. Lidcombe. Parramatta Park No. 3, 3.15.

Arnotts v. Rangers. Lidcombe, 3.15.

## PROTESTANT CHURCHES ASSOCIA- TION.

FIRST GRADE.—Lachlan Rangers 31, Austens F.C. 25, Will. St. Stephen 21, St. Aidans A 20, All Saints 18, \*Lakemba Meth. A 11, \*L.O.L. 46 7.

SECOND GRADE.—A Division: \*Dulwich Hill Bap. A 25, Lakemba Congs. A 25, Lachlan Rangers B 21, All Souls A 20, Alex. Mission 15, SOCCER—Six.

\*St. Aidans B 14, Balmaln Pres. 14, Leichhardt Meth. 10, Enmore Tabernacle 8.

SECOND GRADE.—B Division: Alex. Congs. 30, St. Albans 27, St. Annes 24, \*Dulwich Hill Bap. B 17, Hurlstone Park Congs. 16, Austral Waratah B 15, \*St. John 14, Newtown Congs. 12, St. Andrews 5.

THIRD GRADE.—\*St. Bedes 27, Lakemba Congs. B 25, Tempe Park Meth. 23, Lakemba Meth. B 20, \*St. Albans 18, Austens Juniors 14, All Souls B 13, St. Oswalds 12, Botany Meth. 8.

\*A match to play.

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chievous boy,

Rides on each sunbeam rafter.  
Where lattices windowed of dew-  
drops

Peep shyly at chattering  
streams;

There isn't a key, for a smile is  
the fee

At the door of the House of  
Dreams.

My little house is a Dream House,  
With floors that are fashioned  
of roses;


And every bloom has an inner-  
most room,

Where the soul of a child re-  
poses.

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to find

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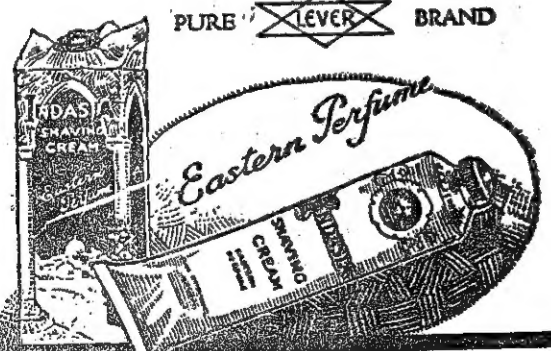
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I just can't understand the womenfolk. They treat real serious things as quite a joke. And solemn things that so impress a bloke— They sniff contemptuous and scornful at. There is a fluffy 'eaded, blue-eyed tart. Who just a while ago near broke me 'art.

I says to 'er, acalling 'er be name, which same is Gladys, "will yer watch the game With me a Satterdee, it won't be tame." She says: "I might, if I can spare the time!" I says, "righto! at three at Wentworth Park (I think a woman likes to be a mark).

But, anyway, she meets me lookin' sweet in bonzer silky stuff, an' all so neat. But seems ter think she's givin' me the treat To let me pay! and when a blanky toff Treads on 'er toes, she issers a command Fer me to throw the feller from the stand.

And later on she tossed 'er 'aughty 'ead. "Oh, don't explain the game to me," she said, I understand football from A to Z. You'll make a show of me if people 'ear, You say them white things standin' up's the goal, You men are 'orrid skites, upon me soul!"

But when they starts ter play, I says there's Gibbs, A reg'lar champeen, Gladys, watch 'is nibs. She says your skinny elbows 'urt my ribs, And as fer 'im, I don't think much of 'im. He seems ter think 'e'd come an awful crash If 'e picked up the ball an' made a dash.

I whispers "fer the love o' Mike, old thing, Don't talk so loud, the feller's on the wing.

Might 'ear yer such an awful insult sling— This isn't Rugby that yer're gazin' on. But Soccer, which is going very strong, To touch the ball with 'ands is awful wrong.

She says to me, and gives me spinal chills, I feels meself go white around the gills, "Why marbles would provide yer with more thrills!!" And strike a light, I simply could a' died, I felt the icy sweat upon me skin, When fellers sittin' near turns round ter grin.

She sits there so cerlected like and cool, She makes me feel a 'orrid clumsy fool; She says me bringin' ups, been something crool The way I digs 'er in the ribs and shouts, And looked at me with such an icy air, And said in freezin' tones, "I 'eard yer swear!"

"Me swear! Oh, struth, if this should be me last!— Me swear! Me swear! wot was it, might I arst." She says "you wicked man, you yelled out Blast! And me asittin' 'ear right next to you. I thought you was a gentleman," she said, "And if you swear again, I'll cut yer dead."

She watches with an air which says she's bored, And when I gets excited, when they scored, She said I made 'er 'eadache when I roared. A woman 'as no soul fer manly sport,

And strike a light, it made me feel dead sick The way she took the keeping of old Nick.

She sits there silent, 'aughty as a queen, And I must say she wasn't 'arf so keen Upon the game as lots o' tarts I've seen, But answers when I speaks cold and perlite, And looks 'ard at 'er patent-leather shoes, Or else reads not shots in the "Soccer Noos."

I sees 'er to 'er 'ome in Botany, And when we're nearly there she says ter me, I've 'ad a lovely time, come in ter tea! O strike a light! yer never know a tart One minit they are 'aughty, 'urt and vexed For nothin', and all bloomin' smoodge the next.

Wot could I do? a bloke'd be a coot A blinkin' blob, a blessed 'eartless brute, Not ter say "Yes," so feeling a galoot, "Righto!" I says (in case I'd 'urt 'er pride), But later on she whispers to 'er mum, "The game was orful, never saw a scrum!"

So when the street lamp throws 'er beamy light Across the gas-box where we sits that night, I says to 'er, I says, You've put a slight Upon me Code, and I am feelin' sore, Some Rugby bloke 'd suit your taste much more, And I've me tram ter catch, so or revore!"

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She looks at me with such a melting glance,  
The sort o' look that gives a bloke no chance,  
She whispers, "Bill! I'll mend yer football pants,  
And wear yer football colours if yer like."

I was took back, but 'ugs 'er straight away—

Girls ain't so bad, it was a bonzer day,

But women-folk need 'andlin', let me say;  
Just treat 'em in a stern unbendin' way,  
And show who's boss the same as me, that day,  
And bully 'em the same as I did 'er  
And take no cheek, but always recollect  
You act the cave-man and yer gets respect!

## RESULTS FOR SATURDAY, 19th AUGUST, 1922

### FIRST GRADE PREMIERSHIP.

#### First Division.

Balmain Gladstone v. Canterbury, Campsie Recreation (S. Towsey). Gladstone, 4-1.

Pymont v. Granville, Wentworth Oval (W. Wright). Pymont, 2-0.

#### Second Division.

Burns Anniversary v. Balmain Scottish, Wentworth Oval (D. McKinnon). Balmain Scottish, 2-0.

### SECOND GRADE.

#### A Division.

Manly v. Gladesville, Brereton Park (W. Alexander). Gladesville, 9-1.

Annandale Altona v. Sunlight, Easton Park (J. Lester). Drawn, 2-2.

Botany Albion v. Punchbowl, Punchbowl (F. Hampton). Metters v. Hornsby Athletic, Wahroonga (W. Nell). Metters Ltd., 2-1.

N.S.W. Fire Brigades, the bye.

#### B Division.

Parramatta District v. St. George District, Parramatta Park (W. Allerton). Parramatta, 3-0.

Two Blues v. Hurstville United, Rosehill Park (W. Knight). Two Blues, 5-0.

Callan Park v. Abbotsford District, Callan Park (L. Patterson). Callan Park, 3-2.

West Sydney received forfeit from Drummoyne (R. Burns). Rozelle Rovers, the bye.

### C Division.

Pymont Rangers receive forfeit from Annandale Altona.

Punch Park v. Garden Island, Lyne Park (W. Berry). Garden Island, 5-3.

Railway Thistle v. Botany Albion, Booralee Oval (S. Hayes). Railway Thistle, 4-0.

Gladesville Hospital receive forfeit from West Sydney.

Metters Ltd., the bye.

### KERR CUP.

Auburn v. Sydney, Ibrox Park A. W. Bates). Auburn, 4-2.

Eastern Suburbs v. Cessnock, Hamilton Ground. Cessnock, 4-0.

## PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

### FIRST GRADE PREMIERSHIP.

#### First Division.

Team.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals.	F.	A.	Pts.
Pymont	14	13	1	-	43	11	26	
Bal. Fern.	14	12	2	-	38	15	24	
Granville	14	7	5	2	30	18	16	
Pyr. Rang.	14	7	7	-	24	32	14	
Bal. Glad.	14	6	7	1	28	29	13	
Gladesville	14	4	7	3	31	39	11	
East Sub.	14	1	10	3	19	44	5	
Canterbury	14	1	12	1	18	43	3	

#### Second Division.

Team.	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals.	F.	A.	Pts.
Sydney	14	10	1	3	37	16	21	
Bal. Scot.	14	9	3	2	45	18	21	
Com. Dock.	14	8	1	5	26	14	17	
Auburn	14	8	1	5	39	17	17	
Burns Anniv.	14	6	4	4	28	17	16	
Camp. Thist.	14	4	4	6	17	26	12	
Nth. Syd.	14	3	2	9	27	40	8	
Lanc. Soc.	14	-	-	14	11	82	-	

### SECOND GRADE.

#### A Division.

Team.	P.	B.	W.	D.	L.	Goals.	F.	A.	Pts.
Allan. Alt.	15	2	10	3	2	39	18	27	
Horn. Ath.	15	2	8	2	5	39	21	22	
Sunlight	15	2	8	2	5	25	18	22	
Gladesville	14	2	7	1	6	29	29	19	
Metters Ltd.	15	2	7	1	7	24	23	19	
Manly	13	2	5	2	6	22	32	16	
Bot. Alb.	13	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
N.S.W. F.B.	14	2	5	1	8	20	20	15	
Punchbowl	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	

#### B Division.

Team.	P.	B.	W.	D.	L.	Goals.	F.	A.	Pts.
West. Syd.	15	1	12	1	2	53	14	27	
Callan Pk.	15	2	10	3	2	50	20	27	
P'matta Dis.	15	2	10	2	3	39	20	26	
Two Blues	13	2	10	2	1	56	7	24	
H'ville Unit.	15	2	7	7	7	24	34	19	
Abbotts Dis.	15	2	2	1	12	19	51	0	
Roz. Rov.	15	2	5	4	6	25	29	18	
D'moyne	14	2	2	1	11	13	49	9	
St. Geo. Dis.	15	2	1	1	13	12	68	7	

### C Division.

Team.	P.	B.	W.	D.	L.	Goals.	F.	A.	Pts.
Pyr. Rang.	15	2	14	1	-	52	6	31	
Garden Is.	15	2	11	2	2	43	25	28	
Funch Pk.	16	1	11	1	4	52	35	28	
Rail. Thist.	14	2	5	2	7	25	39	16	
Glades. Hos.	14	2	4	3	7	17	22	16	
Bot. Alb.	15	2	3	3	9	11	41	16	
Metters Ltd.	13	2	-	1	12	6	52	1	

## METROPOLITAN JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

### A GRADE SEMI FINAL.

The biggest crowd yet recorded at Primrose Park last Saturday witnessed the play off for the winners of the Second Division between Marrickville Avoca and Canterbury Juniors. The teams had met twice previously, and each had a win to their credit. Canterbury winning the toss played with the wind behind them, and for the first fifteen minutes gave the Avoca defence an anxious time, Gilbert on the right wing making some splendid runs and centred accurately, but his partners failed to complete many times when a score seemed imminent the Canterbury forwards failed.

The Avoca forwards also failed to gather all opportunities. Heaney, right wing, gave some splendid passes, which were never taken advantage of. The full back, Jones, generally beat the waiting forwards. Half time sounded with the score sheet blank.

The second half again found the Canterbury forwards pressing, but the play was transferred by the splendid game of Heterick, who continually passed the ball to the right wing, who put in some beautiful runs, and his passes were accurate and time and again White and Russell failed to score.

The Avoca forwards continued press, and many good shots were saved by Howarth, the Canterbury goalie, who undoubtedly played the best game on the field.

Just before full time the Canterbury forwards appealed for a replay, but Referee Skelly rightly refused it. The final result was a scoreless draw, and the game will be replayed to-day.

### RICHARDSON CUP.

Kogarah journeyed to Clyde and played a three goal draw with Auburn district. A protest has been lodged by the former team.

Dulwich Hill Athletic's protest against Balgownie for playing unqualified men was upheld, and the game ordered to be replayed, and will be played as an early fixture on the replay of the A-Grade semi-final on Primrose Park to-day. The winners will meet Marrickville Avoca next Saturday.

### CHARITY CUP COMPETITION.

The first round of this competition should be brought to a finish to-day, when Kogarah A and Lilyfield A and Leichhardt and Arncliffe meet at Goodlet Park. The draw for the second round is as follows:—

Canterbury Juniors v. Lilyfield or Kogarah.

Annandale Altona v. Hurstville Park.

Leichhardt or Arncliffe, Marrickville Avoca, byes.

The second game will be played to-day at Crescent Oval.

### B GRADE.

The protest lodged by Leichhardt against the ruling of the referee in their match against Newtown was upheld by the Management Committee, and a replay ordered. An appeal against this decision has been lodged by the Newtown Club, and will be dealt with by Council on Tuesday night. Should Newtown win the appeal, they will be the division winners, and will meet Bankstown in the final.

### C GRADE.

No change was made in the first division as a result of last week's games, and Canterbury are assured of winning with a handsome margin of points.

In the second division, Pymont and Rozelle, who were even in the competition table, met last Saturday at Primrose Park, and after a beautiful game Rozelle ran out winners by 2-1, and have now a two points' lead. They meet Annandale to-day, and are likely to be given a hard task. Should they be defeated a play off with Pymont will be necessary.

Birchgrove are still leading in the third division, and the vital point in determining the winners will have been reached when the result of the Pymont teams appeal against the committee's action is known.

### COUNCIL MEETING.

Club secretaries and delegates are reminded that the Council Meeting will be held next Tuesday, August 29th, when the appeals of the Pymont and Newtown Clubs will be dealt with.

### CHARITY CUP.

Lilyfield United B and Annandale Altona met at Algic Park, the latter team winning by 1-0. The game was strenuously contested throughout. From the kick off Annandale had advantage of a stiff wind, and at once bombarded their opponents' goal. Nicholls and Ihlein at back were hard pressed, and Jenkins (Lilyfield's juvenile goalkeeper) gave a brilliant exhibition of goal keeping, and saved his side time after time. Play remained in Lilyfield's territory for a considerable time, till Chapman set his forwards away. Meares made many brilliant runs down the wing, his centres being well directed, but the inside men failed to connect, thus losing many fine chances to score. At half time Lilyfield were attacking. On resuming both sides made strenuous efforts to score, but sound defence was encountered, play travelling up and down field. Towards the closing stages Annandale gradually wore their opponents down, and a succession of shots by their forward line were saved by Jenkins in brilliant style, till Quinn obtained and succeeded in scoring the only goal of the match. Full time sounded three minutes after.

Many intriguing stories could be told in relation to this hunt for players. Almost every football club of note employs men whose duty it is to "scout" the country for promising material. The wiles that are practised when—as so often happens—one or more scouts are after the same man, are known to everyone behind the scenes of big football to-day. Excellent fellows, some of these scouts; they would earn laurels as diplomatists or Secret Service agents.

Competition in football does not confine itself to the search for new players, for rivalry in every department is the very soul of modern football. There are two great tournaments in the game—the English League and the Association Cup. The latter is the most spell-binding competition in the world, excepting, perhaps, the Derby, which belongs to a different realm of sport altogether. Facts are dry, if convincing and stubborn, things, but one has only to look at the attendance and other figures in connection with the English Cup competition last year to realise the truth of this.

Professional football has resolved itself into a fierce fight—in some cases for every existence—and while the person who can see no virtue in anything but amateur sport may deplore this fact, there can be no doubt that this merciless striving keeps the interest of the "crowd" at high pitch.

## THE IMMENSE POPULARITY OF ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

(Continued from last issue.)

Ask any football director how intense is this loyalty. Sometimes it is embarrassingly so for club officials. Many of the latter are really splendid sportsmen. If they



There are black sheep in every fold, smudges on the whitest cloth, but, taking the game as a whole, I make bold to say that football is one of the cleanest sports in the world. The men who play it are almost universally respected for their conduct both on and off the field. Which brings me to another point. It is this: What are the prospects for any youngster who has sufficient skill to enter the more or less charmed circle of Saturday afternoon gladiators?

At the start, I would say that never in the history of the game will he be listened to with more attention; the scramble for players—as a certain famous international has recently confessed—is now at its height. Given good health, the necessary skill, comparative freedom from injury, and a real love for the game—the latter is essential—he should enjoy for at least ten years a life full of interest. If he is well advised, he will follow a regular occupation during the years he plays professional football, so that when the speed goes out of his limbs and his feet have lost their cunning, he will have something substantial to fall back upon. But that is en parentheses, as it were.

Without being fanciful, let us see what alluring prospects are open to him, providing he is a really talented player. Such is football hero-worship nowadays, that he will soon bear a name that will be known all over Great Britain. He will share with Cabinet Ministers, successful comedians and film stars, the joy—if it be a joy—of seeing his photograph in newspapers and his name in headlines. He will hear himself addressed as "Sammy," "Willie," "Tommy" (whichever it may be) by acclaiming thousands, who will pay him homage that in the days when kings were fashionable would have been envied by many a lesser European monarch. He will pass from a nonentity into a celebrity, and, if he is sufficiently skilled, receive the not inconsiderable sum of £468 a year—payment at the rate of £9 a week all the year round. In addition to this, he may receive a substantial share in a transfer fee, while, if he is a sufficient number of years with the same club, he is fairly certain of getting a benefit. This may bring him in any-

thing from £250 to £500—perhaps more. To be perfectly fair, there is another side to the picture, but I must say that the majority of the men to whom I have spoken on the subject have told me that they have never regretted turning professional footballers. Many of these men, also, have been of a superior type. The fact is that a player of outstanding ability is bound to be treated well by any club for which he plays. As a crowd-drawing magnet, he is worth almost literally his weight in gold. Who can tell what money such men as "Fanny" Walden, the Tottenham idol, and John Cock, the great centre-forward of Chelsea, put into the pockets of their clubs last year? Either of them would draw a crowd on his own—Walden with that mazy footwork of his, which leaves both opponents and crowd astounded, and Cock with those electric dashes that frequently mean goals.

There is scarcely any phase of modern football which does not first gain and then hold the attention. If it were not so, you would not find everyone who is connected with a professional football team so keen on his job, and so quietly or vehemently (according to his temperament) enthusiastic. The most enthusiastic man of my acquaintance is chairman of directors of a football club which, until last year, had languished for many seasons in the slough of debt.

Not only has football, as a game, its romance and its glamour, but it carries humour as well. Many of the most amusing stories I have ever heard have concerned professional footballers. Big boys most of them, they see the salt of life—and practise it among themselves.

All unsuspected by the majority of them, professional footballers live in an atmosphere that is colourful and full of human interest. The fact that they earn their living at what to other people is play induces this. But, because their smaller world is very much like the larger stage on which we as average outsiders play our parts, they are akin with us. Look at a professional football team as it lines up for the start of a game, and you will see merely a number of men dressed in jerseys and football shorts; but get to know those men, study them at close quarters, and you will find all the elements that

make up life—humour, comedy, tragedy.

They are absorbing tales which are told to the privileged few behind the scenes of big football. You hear the personal weaknesses, idiosyncrasies, pet superstitions and pronounced dislikes of men whose playing prowess is famous the world over; you hear why a certain match would have been won if—; and why another game was lost because—.

Some of these tales—or distortions of them—drift through the walls of the dressing-rooms, directors' offices, and other private apartments on the great football grounds, and these, grotesque as many of them are, serve to whet the general appetite for the game and the men who play it.

If it is true that every house contains a novel, then every professional footballer is worth at least one short story. But no soul-historian has yet troubled about him, although, according to my thinking and short experience, professional football is a fiction field rich in promise—a field, moreover, that throughout the many years of the game's existence has been practically untapped.

Personally, if I may intrude a private note, I have found material for romances in football; not only in the actual game itself, but in the men who earn a living by playing it. I make no secret of the fact that I am an incurable football enthusiast myself, that many of the happiest hours of my life have been spent on the big football grounds of this country, and that a man who will talk football to me will always find a ready and sympathetic audience. Both in front and at the back of the curtain, football is the most interesting thing I know. That is why I try to write about it.

Balgownie and Woonoona played a scoreless draw in Gardiner Cup. They replay to-day.

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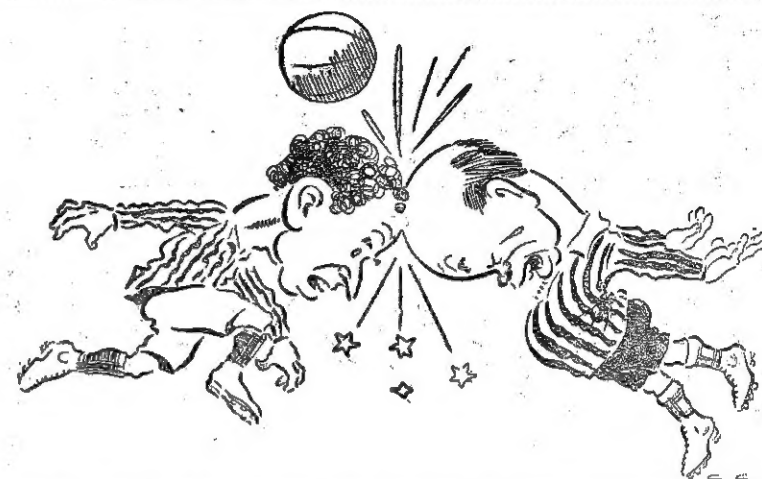
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